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All FEIB Field Stations

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Chief, FEIB

Objectives to provide further guidance for the collection of information

1. The determination of the following objectives are considered of primary importance by C.I.A. They should constitute the basis of your guidance in collection of information. The objectives are generally applicable to all foreign countries:

a. The intentions, current activities and probable future activities of the USSR with regard to the area under consideration.

b. The intentions, current activities and probable future activities of the government or governments in the area relative to domestic affairs. This should include the basic issues, freedoms, governmental controls, and domestic propaganda.

c. Forces involving the stability of the present government or governments in the area. This should include party resources, main political issues, and probable future developments.

d. Major foreign policies of the area, current objectives, and probable future relations with the U.S., USSR, and the UK.

e. Susceptibility of the area to political or economic influence by other countries.

f. Present and anticipated military capabilities of the area, particularly as to the distribution and allocation of its manpower, and its industrial and logistic efforts as they relate to its ground, sea, and air forces.

g. Themes and trends, current and anticipated, in the area's foreign propaganda.

h. Development of new weapons in the area and new organizations within and without the armed forces.

i. War potential and grand strategy now and in the foreseeable future to include present and future mobilization capabilities and the morale of its armed forces.

j. Status, current and anticipated, of the foreign trade of the area as reflected in its trade agreements, trade balances, and trade channeling.

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2. Present and anticipated economic stability of the area and the extent to which it depends on outside economic activities.

3. Current and expected status of the area's food supply, financial situation, reserves of natural resources, and transportation and communication facilities.

4. Any significant redistribution of the labor population or any new industrial methods or techniques in the area which might indicate unusual scientific activities affecting our own national security.

5. Present status and anticipated development of scientific activities in the area.

6. Plans and objectives of the area for espionage and sabotage, as well as and subversion which might adversely affect U.S. security.

7. It is directed that these objectives be carefully read and considered by appropriate personnel of your field station. Priority listings of these objectives by country and/or subject will be established and maintained on a current basis in the near future.

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